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United Way campaign reaches new heights

Once again, Grummanites demonstrated how much they care about their neighbors. Over 95 percent of the Grumman population on Long Island contributed to the United Way of Long Island during the annual company campaign.

It was a record breaking year at Grumman. For the first time in company history, the United Way campaign included Grumman Corporation and all its subsidiaries on Long Island. Under the chairmanship of Grumman Aerospace Vice President Tom Kelly, this year's United Way drive surpassed the goal of 95 percent participation -- an all-time high. In addition, per capita giving increased by seven percent. As for Grummanites living and working off Long Island, they hit a participation level exceeding 90 percent.

Community benefits

When a Grummanite contributes to the United Way, the money stays within the donor's community. On Long Island, 100 human-care agencies, such as 19 local hospitals, scouting groups and mental health care centers receive support from the United Way.

The largest single block of donations that the United Way of Long Island receives comes from Grummanites -- over 20 percent of its revenue. Without the support of over 95 percent of Grummanites that gave this year, the 100 community services would be severely curtailed, and some would even cease to exist.

Slap on the back

At the conclusion of the corporate-wide campaign, Vice President Tom Kelly commended those Grummanites who were responsible for their respective companies and departments.

"Reaching a new participation height at Grumman could not have been accomplished without your time and effort," said Kelly. "The United Way's slogan, 'Thanks to you, it works ... for all of us' applies to the corps of campaign workers right here inside Grumman."

Comparisons between last year's and this year's participation level tell the story. Grumman Corporation increased from 49 to 85 percent participation; Grumman Aerospace from 91 to 95; Grumman Allied Industries from 30 to 64; Grumman Data Systems from 75 to 83; Grumman Energy Systems from 47 to 71; and Grumman International from 67 to 85 percent.

In Grumman Aerospace, the Treasurer's Office consisting of 237 people and the Material and Processes Department with 124 persons led the way by hitting the 100 percent participation mark.

Other Grumman Aerospace departments and their respective participation levels were: Corporate Staff, 88 percent; Field Service, 98 percent; Great River Operations, 95 percent; Security and Personnel Services, 93 percent; Program Management, 95 percent; Manufacturing, 94 percent; Product Development Operations, 99 percent; Resources,

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Yesterday and today. *The F-14 Tomcat air superiority fighter (above) and the Wildcat are just two of the many Grumman aircraft equipped with Pratt and Whitney engines. P&WA recently delivered its 25,000th engine to Grumman. See article on page 3. (Photo by Gerry Costello)*

What's happening around the company

The Grumman F-14 Iran Program office is looking for Grummanites interested in a two-year assignment in Tehran. The Standard Depot Level Maintenance (SDLM) program will start up in November, 1978, and will run until 1982 or 1983. The program calls for the rework of each Iranian F-14 as it completes 48 months of service.

About 30 people will be needed initially, but that number will expand to around 140 as the program develops. People having present skills or prior skill experience in the following areas are invited to apply:

Plane captain/crew chief; industrial engineer; jet engine mechanic (build up and installation); communication/navigation technician; egress technician; weapons system technician; aero controls rigger; DITMCO technician; flight/electrical control riggers; electrical technicians - flight line/installers; structural assemblers; hydraulic technicians; GSE repair technicians; ECS/ ordnance technicians; Production control coordinator; Storekeeper/stock clerk; shipping/receiving; repair control; LSR; planner/scheduler.

Since these are long-term assignments, families may go along. Housing is available. If you are interested, contact Bill Rose, Ext. 5674.

Carpool rally

Nassau County's Office of Public Transportation is once again working with Grumman's Security and Personnel Services to formulate a carpool matching list for Grummanites.

Questionnaires will be distributed to all employees through the Payroll Department within the next few weeks; additional copies will be available in all Employee Services offices. Complete the form, filling in your starting and finishing time, the plant you work in, the main intersection nearest your home, etc., and return it to Employee Services. Within a month, the County will send computer printouts of the names and particulars on potential carpoolers to all participating Grummanites.

For those who live and work in Nassau County, the list will contain all potential carpoolers within a one-mile grid. For all other commutation possibilities (for instance, if you live in Queens or Suffolk and you work at Calverton; if you live in Suffolk and work in Bethpage, etc.) the printout will list potential carpoolers by resident town only.

The County also asks you to assist in planning for Long Island's future transportation needs by completing a survey on the back of the questionnaire. You are encouraged to complete the survey portion, even if you aren't interested in carpooling. All forms should be returned to the time card controller in your department.

HMO update

The in-plant presentations for the two health maintenance organizations (HMO's) are now well under way. If you are eligible for enrollment but still have a few questions about the plan, you can speak with a representative from the HMO during the weeks of November 13 and November 20. The representative from the Community Health Plan of Queens-Nassau can be reached on Ext. 5071; the representative from the Community Health Plan of Suffolk will be on Ext. 5072. They'll both be in Plant 28 during those two weeks.

New post for Miller

On Tuesday, October 31, Vice President Bob Miller was appointed Presidential Assistant for Corporate Development.

In his new post, Miller will assist Grumman Aerospace Chairman and President George Skurla and serve as the focal point for existing corporate planning activities in the setting of long-range objectives and the generation of strategic plans.

Miller is located in Plant 40 and can be reached on Ext. (115) 3300.

Light the way

Life got a little easier recently for Grumman design engineers. The installation of the world's most advanced high-capacity fiberoptic data transmission system improves the use of computers to generate, maintain, and update engineering drawings and other graphic material.

The new fiberoptic system, which uses MGO-5 cables and TTK data links made by Valtec Corporation of West Boyleston, Massachusetts, provides two-way transmission between the IBM-370 computer in Grumman Data Systems' corporate headquarters, and a Xerox plotter terminal in Plant 5. The system uses only one of four available pairs of optical fibers. Three other pairs, which link other buildings to the main computer, are for future expansion of the system.

"The attractions are mainly savings in time and costs, while acquiring expansion capabilities for the future," says John Mooney, the Grumman Aerospace engineering specialist on the project. "Instead of tracking down the original drawing, putting in an order, and having a reproduction made, our engineers can acquire the information from the main computer's memory bank and get a Xerox quality reproduction. It will save a great deal of time and money. While the design data packages on all aircraft have not been incorporated, the impact will be on the future as new designs develop.

"The terminal in Plant 5 will be the first one to be activated by fiberoptics," says Mooney, "but we have plans for installation in Plants 3, 2, 25, and 15 in the near future. The system can be changed or expanded to reflect our changing needs."

Prowler

Grumman's EA-6B Prowler keeps getting better. The Navy recently awarded Grumman a $40-million research-and-development contract for an improved version of the electronics counter-measures aircraft.

The increased capability development program, known as ICAP-II, calls for improved jammer techniques; development of a universal exciter, which is the heart of the jammer system; and teh installation of teh AYK-14 computer which is faster and has greater memory than the 4Pi unit it replaces.

"ICAP-II," says Grumman Aerospace Chairman and Presdient George Skurla, "is part of the continuing update of the EA-6B to stay abreast of the dynamic electronics environment."

Development work on ICAP-II has already started, and scheduling calls for incorporation of its improvements in production aircraft by early 1982. The program is the third major update of the EA-6B since the aircraft was introduced to the fleet in 1971. EX-CAP--expanded capability -- took place in 1973, and ICAP-I in 1976.

Trip to Israel

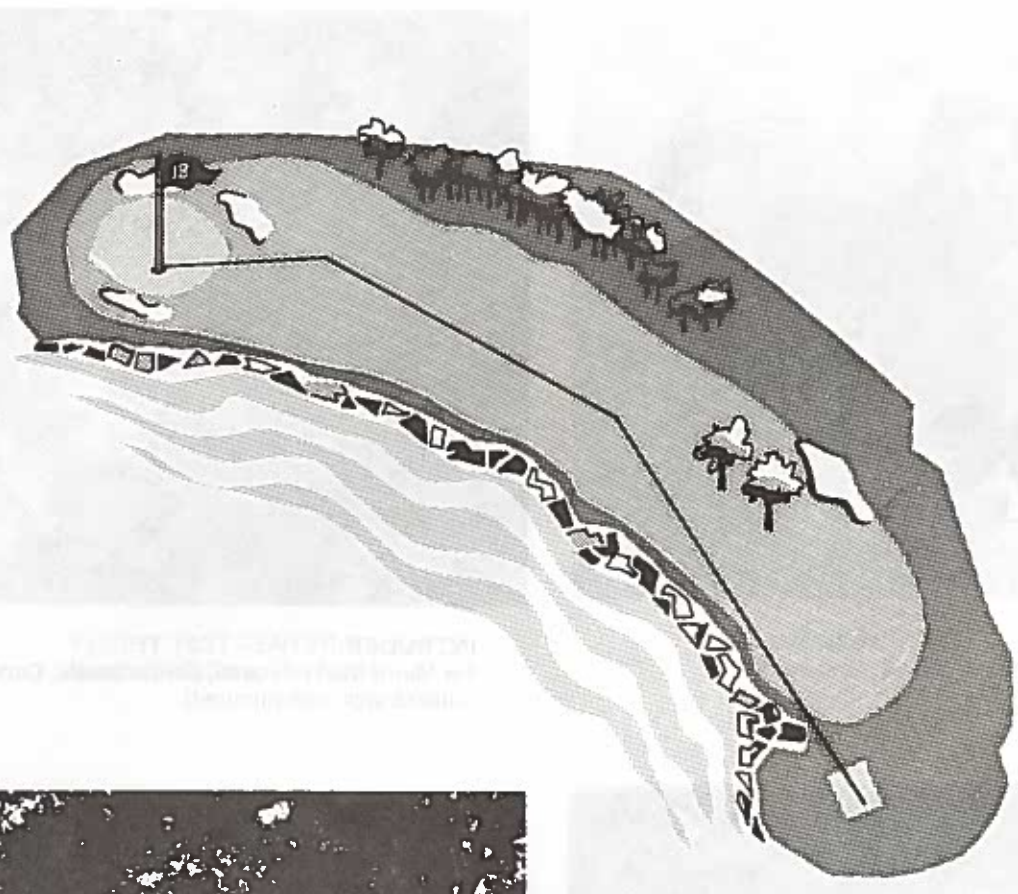
The Grumman Athletic Association is offering a trip to Israel in February. All Grumman employees, retirees, family members and guests are invited to sign up for the February 6 to 16 trip.

Trip package costs range according to occupancy per room: $999 per person for double occupancy; $1,114 for single; and $954 for triple.

Included in the international package are: round trip jet transportation from JFK airport to Israel via El Al Airlines; five nights accommodations at Plaza Hotel in Jerusalem; five nights at Plaza Hotel in Tiberias; two nights at Sheraton Hotel in Tel Aviv; full modified American plan including tips and taxes; six full days of sightseeing with English speaking guide; travel via motor coach; includes all entrance fees with exception of local guides and maids at hotels; evening with Israeli Parliament member or government official; evening of Israeli folklore dance program.

For further information, contact Ellen Drasser in the GAA office, Ext. 2133 or 2269.

Forum. *Executive Vice President Ralph 'Doc' Tripp recently met with 20 managers who are attending the Management for the Working Woman train- program in Plant 39. Topic of conversation: corporate structure and strategy. (Photo by Larry Van Wallendael)*



1978 GAA GOLF CHAMPS

IKE:
Don Gibson, Jack Nielsen, Bob Verzera, Bill Beveridge (not pictured)

HAWKEYE:
Bob Hendel, Tony Perre, John Cezniak, Charlie Kamp

GREAT RIVER GREEN:
Tony Scionti, Ray Tiedemann

WEATHER BEATERS:
Dick Walsh, Otto Peters, Jerry Samborsky, John Jolly

MORE CHAMPS

INTRUDER:
Pat Moro, Marty Errante, Bernie Savoie, Curt Van Valkenburgh (not pictured)

WORMBURNER:
Joe Gentile, Ken Walch

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT:
Pete Obedzinski, Bob Specht, Charles Piat, Joe Peretti, Mike Krot

LUNAR LINKS:
Jim Duffy, Bert Schauer, Dan Pierce, Charles Ridolf (not pictured)

E.D.P.:
Fred Desiderio, John Witte, Harold Healey, Henry Pfister (not pictured)

PUB'S DUFFERS:
Ron Winter, Paul Coronato, Mike Calderaro, Jim North

PECONIC:
Freeman Nevers, Skip Olson, (foreground) Charlie Niegocki, Joe Booker

FLIGHT TEST CENTER:
Bernie McCaffery, Ted Placek

CALVERTON:
Eddie Fuoco, Ernie Pennino

PLANT 06:
Dale "Lucky" Marlow, Art Fagan

TOURNAMENT:
Cappy Capone, Ralph Panetta, Bill Wright, Joe Sardi (not pictured)

SWINGERS:
Lou Epaminonde, Elly Hyers, Bob Schwarz, Bob White

FLYING LYNX:
Ken Prager, Marty Fried (not pictured)

M.E.D.:
George Wagner, Al Dooley, Lou Eskanazy, John Kempey (not pictured)

PURCHASING:
Bob Zerebak, Richie Bozzella, Reney Egloff, Bob Silhan

ECHO:
Bruce Yberg, Reno Menichelli, Ron Mohr

SERVICE CENTER:
Ray Sablynski, Don Smith, Joe Zarnay, Sonny Romano

GREEN:
Jim Tambini, Lou Kubat, Bill Devine (not pictured)

SUPPORT:
Jack Diana, Tom Maurici (not pictured)

LADIES WEDNESDAY:
(back row) Janet Spinosa, Hilla Shruell, June Cashman, Peggy Bunzel, Ann Lamberta Angie Giarratano (front row) Marji Lanzisera, Elena Semertgis, Sharon Grosser

AVIONICS:
Ed Sautkulis, Hugo Ritucci, Neil Scioscia, Pete Zazzi, George Stuppiello, Jake Dougherty (not pictured)

BEARCAT:
Frank Salentino, Nick Loiacono, Frank Agiesta, Frank Zolezzi

TIGERCAT:
Rudy Adornato, Bill Costanzo, Bud MacKenzie, Fred Austin (not pictured)

HACKERS:
Ed Zarod, Charlie Catalano, Rick Kemper, Ed Rockowitz

MEASUREMENT STANDARDS:
Bob McConnell, Dick Derrigan, Frank Sciacchitano

Thanks to you, it's working...for all of us

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89 percent; Bethpage Operations, 98 percent; Calverton Operations, 94 percent; Quality and Safety, 97 percent; Business Development, 97 percent; Material Management, 98 percent; Software, 94 percent; Engineering, 95 percent; ILS, 89 percent; Training, 92 percent; and Flight Test, 99 percent.

As for the off-Long Island Grumman sites, Glen Arm, Maryland, is 100 percent in the participation grade; Milledgeville Operations, 70 (plus); Point Mugu, 93 percent; and Stuart Operations, 91 percent. (Tallies are still being formulated at the off-sites.)

On Friday, October 24, all those Grummanites giving to the United Way were eligible for the annual Grumman United Way campaign prize drawing. The winners were:

Bermuda cruise: Herbert Stadmore, Engineering at Langley AFB. **Flights to Bermuda:** James Peques, Food Services (2); Thomas Dragone, ILS 35. **Solar Panel:** Theodore Hanson, Procurement (30).

Shopping Sprees: John Malone, Engineering (35); Michael Hughes, Bethpage Ops. (3); Madge Slabowski, Personnel (28); Charles Teuferi, Great River Ops. (43); Robert Balfour, Software (31).

Disney World trip: Bartholomew Cammarata, Quality (24; John Maresca, Quality (36). **West Palm Beach:** Richard Foster, Pt. Mugu (88); Thomas Wagner, Quality (6). **Grumman canoes:** Joan Del Gaudio, Procurement (30); Anthony Repetti, Quality (1).

Televisions: Kurt German, Great River (43); Peter Sciarabba, Flight Test (25); Thomas Gentile, Engineering (35); Stephen Failer, ILS (1); James Barton, Quality (36); Paul Shemanski, Plant Protection (18); Joseph Vanasco, Stuart Ops. (77); Robert Vest, Glen Arm (56).

CB Sets: Earl Boyer, Training (39); Gary Crocke, Great River (44); John Morochko, Materials Management (17), Dennis Banks, Manufacturing (2); James Flowers, Stuart Ops. (77); Carol Fredericks, Resources (5); Edward Brynda, Data Systems; Kenneth Wannen, Great River (44).

Microwave Ovens: James Fiola, Procurement (40); Christian Hand, Bethpage Ops. (2); Ronald Hill, Resources (5). **Great Gorge Ski Trip:** Ralph Peyser, ILS (15); Roy Alfred, Glen Arm (56). **Dinner/Theatre:** Mortimer Husted, Manufacturing (30); John Gintz, Resources (14); Harold Jones, Manufacturing (5).

Grumman glasses: Frederick Wicks Jr., ILS (35); John Burns, Bethpage Ops. (1); Charles Koop, Bethpate Ops. (3); Richard Walsh, Facilities Engineering (30); John Walsh, ILS (1); Ken Weinold, Calverton (6); Antonio Diaz, Great River (43); Henry Vienckiewitz, Facilities (12); Kenneth Keen, Research (5); William Raeside, Manufacturing (2); Robert Rogers, Milledgeville Ops. (66); Allan Hiltunen, Engineering (40); Claudette Corsey, Materials and Processes (12); William Wilson, Resources (5); Patsy Ruffini, Calverton Maintenance (6); Rita Kiernan, Treasurer (30); Martino Giacalone, Calverton Maintenance (6); Harry Ellerbush, Quality (30).

Watch or clocks: Gary Troupe, Great River (43); Taylor Bradshaw, Maintenance (25); Dorothy Reichelt, Program Management (5); William Wollman, Engineering (2); Norman Niederman, Engineering (35); Robert Devine, Pt. Mugu (88).

Special Drawing for Shopping Spree: Robert O'Brien (14).

For the record. *Grumman Aerospace Chairman and President George Skurla (seated) looks over the United Way campaign results with Vice President Tom Kelly who headed up the corporate wide drive. (Photo by Fred Annette)*

calendar

American Society for Metals: Wed., Nov. 15, Antun's, Hicksville; award program; guests welcome. J. Beaudoin, Ext. 3945.

China-Burma-Vets Association: Fri., Nov. 17, 5:00 p.m., Pl. 28; election of officers. W. Pytlowany, Ext. 2441.

IEEE Reliability Chapter: Tues., Nov. 21, 5:30 p.m., PINY Farmingdale; presentation, "Reliability Improvement Warranties;" guests welcome. J. Dryoster, Ext. (115)3530.

IES: Thurs., Nov. 16, Antun's, Hicksville, cocktails: 6 p.m., dinner: 7 p.m., discussion: 8 p.m., "Fusion Energy and the TOKAMAK Fusion Test Reactor (TFTR); guests welcome. J. Popolo, Ext. 6704.

Ski Club: Wed., Nov. 22, 8:30 p.m., Hillside Restaurant, Plainview; guests welcome. A. Garmendia, Ext. 7819.

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obituaries

RALPH FITZGERALD of Requirements Planning, Pl. 43, died October 11 at the age of 63. He had been with the company since 1965 and resided at 50 Spur Lane, Centereach.

personals

I wish to thank all of my co-workers and friends for their thoughtfulness during my recuperation. **Doris Koshers**

We wish to express our thanks to all our friends, co-workers, and to Employee Services for their many kindnesses shown during the recent loss of our mother. **Howard and Jack Mertz**

Words cannot express our gratitude to all of John's friends, GAC Reps and ESO for their many cards during his long illness and their kind expressions of sympathy. **Family of John Utz**

We wish to thank our friends, co-workers, and Employee Services for their kind expressions of sympathy during the recent loss of our sister. **Edward, Frank and John Zarodkiewicz**

Pratt & Whitney delivers 25,000th engine

In 1932, Grumman received its first Pratt and Whitney Aircraft (P&WA) twin Wasp engine for the XJF-1 amphibian, later named the "Duck." Over the past 46 years, P&WA has delivered some 20 different powerplants for Grumman aircraft.

To commemorate the delivery of its 25,000th engine to Grumman, a Pratt and Whitney exhibition trailer will be on display at various Grumman sites, beginning Monday, November 13.

Grummanites will be able to view the exhibition trailer on the following days:

Monday, November 13, Plant 1 courtyard; Tuesday, November 14, Plant 2 in front of lobby; Wednesday, November 15, northwest side of Plant 5; Thursday, November 16, northeast corner of Plant 30 parking lot; Friday, November 17, south side of Plant 40; Monday and Tuesday, November 20-21, Calverton (location to be announced).

The "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" exhibition depicts a long succession of Grumman/Pratt and Whitney Aircraft programs which began in 1932 with the Duck. P&WA engines powered a number of pre-World War II aircraft including the F2F and F3F bi-plane fighters and the eight-place G-21 Goose.

Pratt and Whitney continued its association with the Grumman family of "cat" fighters by supplying powerplants for the Hellcat, Wildcat, Bearcat and Tigercat fighters.

In 1949, both Grumman and Pratt and Whitney took their first step into the jet age with the F9F-2 Panther. That relationship continued with the F9F-6 Cougar, a swept-wing version of the Panther.

Today, Grumman aircraft are equipped with Pratt and Whitney engines: the F-14 Tomcat, the A-6E Intruder, the EA-6B Prowler and the EF-111A.

The "Tomorrow" section of the exhibition trailer dispalys the advanced technologies which will be incorporated into the propulsion systems powering future aircraft, such as vertical and short takeoff and landing (V/STOL) aircraft, and advanced Air Force fighters.

Good times roll at Milledgeville

Under the stately Georgian pines, Milledgeville Operations recently held its fourth annual family picnic. Relay races, "catch a greased pig," a mule ride and a scrumptious menu of barbequed pork, hot dogs and beer highlighted the all-day event. Attending his second Grumman picnic former Congressman Carl Vinson (aboveR), chats with Bill Zarkowsky (2nd R), Vice President and General Manager, and fellow picnickers.

Order of the day: fun for all

Grumman Houstonites certainly know how to throw a party. At their annual get together, many showed off their culinary skills...from Joe DeBonis and his "New York hot dogs," to Dave Lang and his "Armadillo style" chili...to Chuck Kunert's own chili recipe. Grumman Houston President Jack Buxton reports that another successful picnic was enjoyed by all.

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